ALEXANDRIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMISSION MEETING Minutes of July 18, 2018

Members Present:

Elizabeth (Indy)McCall, Member at Large, (Chair)

Ivy Whitlatch, Planning District I, (Vice Chair)

Georgia (Katy) Cannady, Alexandria Historical Society

Mark Ludlow, Member at Large Janice Magnuson, Planning District III Richard Owens, Friends of Alexandria Archaeology

Edward (Ted) Pulliam, Member at Large Ralph Rosenbaum, Member at Large Esther White, Planning District II

Members Excused:

Ann Davin, Alexandria Association (Secretary) Jacob (Jake) Hoogland, Member at Large Seth Tinkham, Historic Alexandria Foundation

Visitors:

Martha Harris, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC)

City Staff:

Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist

Call to Order: The AAC's Chair, Indy McCall called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The minutes from the June 20 meeting were revised and approved.

Indy McCall updated the AAC about developments at the King Street Interim Park. No permanently fixed objects have been installed, but the initial art objects should be installed in two to three weeks. The final product will not be exclusively related to history. Eighty thousand dollars has been allocated for an eight to nine-month the temporary art display. Dick Owens said the developer seems aware of the limitations of the park. There will be a rotating series of exhibits created by an outside firm, not local to Alexandria.

Indy mentioned HARC discussed how the Metro shutdown next summer will affect Alexandria and the Archaeology Museum

Ships Committee

Esther White and Ivy Whitlatch circulated a survey developed by the Committee to assess a baseline awareness of the four ships among people who have registered for certain categories of enews. The survey will be distributed via the City E-News. Esther requested a motion to continue developing the survey. This was approved. The Ship Committee is developing a matrix to evaluate the disposition of the four ships.

The Ramsey Homes have been demolished. Some pieces have been saved as examples of the construction. The buildings were documented using 3-D technology. There was a heavy Civil War presence documented by Quartermaster's map, so there is a potential for significant archaeological study.

Robinson Terminal South archaeological work is on hold until the fall. A slurry wall will be constructed to stabilize the soil and keep out the Potomac River through the ship that runs under Wolfe Street.

The August 15 walkabout will meet at Market Square at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.